(c) Central Sector Scheme for assisting (a) cotton ginning and pressing units under the Internationally Aided NCDC-III, IDA Project, (b) Oil seed development (c) Mustard Seed Development under Internationally assisted EEC Project.

Permission to private sector to set up new mining units

1327. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed the private sector to set up new mining units for exploring the mineral wealth in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to promote and to deve the mineral industry in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey by the Geological Survey of India for coal

1328. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India conducted any survey for coal in the Mulug coal belt between Maneru river and Parsa in the Godavari Coal field in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of the surveys carried out, a total reserve of 1588.55 million tonnes of coal of all categories has been estimated in the Mulug coal belt of Andhra Pradesh.

Clearance of irrigation projects from Andhra Pradesh

1329. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of medium and major irrigation projects from Andhra Pradesh, which are pending with the Central Government for clearance for more than two years; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in giving clearance to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Nine major and five medium irrigation projects, namely, Singur, Telugu Ganga, Polavaram (Dam and Left Canal), Polavaram (Right Canal), Yelleru, Jurala, Vamsadhara (Stage II), Modernisation of Krishna Delta system, Modernisation of Godavari Delta System, Varadarajaswamy Gudi, Kaulasnala, Peddavagu, Chelmela Vagu and Buggavanka are pending clearance for more than two years.

(b) There are mainly delay on State Governments' part in the compliance of observations offered by the Central Water Commission and other concerned agencies resolving of inter-State aspects and clearance from environmental angle and under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.